(a) the progress in regard to construction of an air-base for navy at Karwar;

(b) the time by which the work is likely to be completed;

(c) whether any compensation has been given to the people whose lands have been taken over for this purpose;

(d) if so, the total amount of compensation paid to them;

(e) whether jobs have also been provided to the affected persons; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (f). There is presently no proposal to set up an air base for the Navy at Karwar. However, the requirement of a Naval air station has been included in the Master Plan for the development of the proposed Naval Base at Karwar. According to the Plan the work on the Naval Air Station is to be taken up in the third phase of the Project. This will be considered in due course, subject to review of actual requirements then obtaining, availability of resources and other related aspects.

Opening of Branch Office of LIC in Kerala

3629. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Life Insurance Corporation Branch Offices functioning in various parts of Kerala at present; and

(b) the details of new LIC branch offices proposed to be opened in Kerala during 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As on date, 73 Branch Offices of Life Insurance Corporation of India are functioning in various parts of Kerala.

(b) During 1991-92 five Branch Offices of Life Insurance Corporation of India were proposed to be opened in Kerala, which have been opened and have started functioning. The details thereof are as under:-

Name of the Branch	*Division*	*District*
Trichur-II	Ernakulam	Trichur
Ernakulam City	Ernakulam	Ernakulam
Ramanattukara	Kozhikode	Malappuram & Part of Kozhikode
Tiruvananthapuram City Branch V	Trivandrum	Tiruvananthapuram
Kottayam (CAB)	Trivandrum	Kottayaam

The plans for opening of new Branch Offices of the Corporation during the year 1992-93 have not yet been finalised.